

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by April 2, 2008.

Claims 1- and 5-14 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,999,781 to Holl et al. Claims 1-3 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,889,205 to Treinies et al.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 4-10 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the specification has been amended to add standard headings.

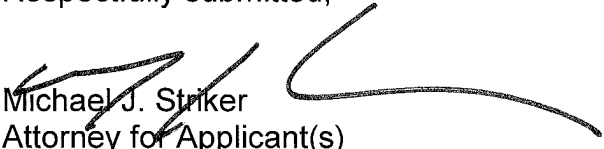
In light of the allowance of claims 4-10, claim 1 has been amended to add the features of claim 2 and allowable claim 4, thus rendering claim 1 allowable. Claims 2, 3, and 4 have been canceled.

Likewise, claims 12-14 have been amended to incorporate the features of amended claim 1, rather than referring to a "method as defined in claim 1", as if a dependent claim. Amended claims 12-14, therefore, also are allowable by inclusion of the features of allowable claim 4.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, Should the

Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

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